



Bachelor of Science in Environmental Sciences

Academic
Orientation

Fall 2023

Goals of this Meeting

- Meet YOUR B.Sc.(Env.) Program Counsellor - Carie
- Review important dates
- B.Sc.(Env.) program information
- Special Guests - Meet upper year B.Sc.(Env.) students (re: ESSE, getting involved, Co-op)
- Find out about resources available on campus including how to contact Carie

Meet Carie ☺

Carie Devitt –
Program Counsellor
for all students in
B.Sc.(Env.)
(she/her)

First point of contact
for B.Sc.(Env.)
program information

General policy help –
making sense of the
Undergraduate
Calendar

Course schedule
difficulties

Missed class time or
exams (academic
consideration)

Graduation
Requirements

Never hesitate to ask for help!

Classes start this **Thursday**
September 7th - Do NOT miss any
classes!

Last day to **add** classes or
change course sections for F23
is September 15th

Last day to **drop** classes for F23
is the last class day - December
1st

Schedule of dates is in the
current Undergraduate
Calendar – stay on top of dates!

Important Dates



What Major am I In?

...and other Program Info

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Sciences Degree Program aka B.Sc.(Env.)

- Four-year, honours degree (five years with co-op)
- Undeclared major (for now!)
- Can I minor? Yes! ...but you don't need to
- If you have been admitted to co-op, register for COOP1100 in W24 (the sequence of co-op work terms will depend on which major you declare)
- Four majors to choose from:
 - ✓ Ecology
 - ✓ Environmental Sciences
 - ✓ Environmental Economics and Policy
 - ✓ Environment and Resource Management

Faculty Advisors

- **Faculty Advisors:**
 - Ecology – Dr. Bob Hanner
 - Environmental Sciences – Dr. James Longstaffe
 - Environmental Economics and Policy – Dr. Brady Deaton
 - Environment and Resource Management – Dr. Ze'ev Gedalof
- **Meeting for Majors...to be continued!**
 - We will set up a meeting to find out more about the four majors in early Winter semester before you need to declare (watch for an email from me)

How is University Different from High School?



Responsibilities

You are responsible for knowing policies and procedures.



No one will chase down your assignments

If you hand something in late, you will lose marks. Not at all? You'll get 0.



Deadlines are deadlines

Things are due when they are due.

Approach instructors to ask for mid-semester academic consideration for med/psych/compassionate grounds.



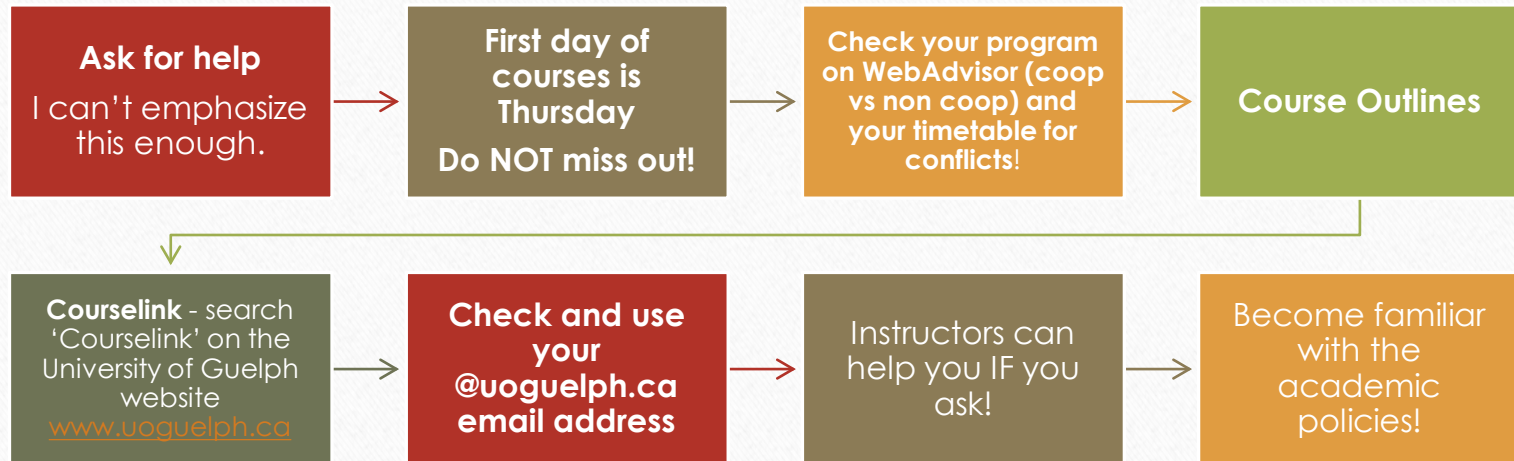
Learning expectations

Less memory work, more connections between concepts and problem solving.



You can skip seminars and labs and lecture material and no one will notice! Yikes!

General Survival Tips





**Undergraduate
Calendar**



**Check your
@uoguelph.ca
email OFTEN**

Emails from
me, ESSE and
the Registrar's
Office.



Course outlines

Save them,
print them, use
them!



WebAdvisor

Use the Student
Planning Tool,
especially helpful
once your major is
declared!

Stay
Informed –
Read
Information
Available
to You!

UNIVERSITY
of GUELPH

ONTARIO
AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Get to know your degree requirements early on!

- The **Student Planning System** shows you personalized academic requirements for your degree. Summarized for you specifically, including what you have taken and what you still need to take according your schedule of studies.
- Your **schedule of studies** is literally the list of the courses you need to take to complete your degree. The schedule of studies is broken down by major and lists core courses, major specific courses and restricted electives you can choose from for your major (once you declare your major).
- **Program information** (like the rule that you cannot count more than 7.0 credits at the 1000 level toward the minimum 20 academic credits required for your degree) AND the **schedule of studies** for each of the majors in B.Sc.(Env.) can be found in the Undergraduate Calendar of the year you started in the program (2023/2024). READ IT.
- The **Undergraduate Calendar** is found under Academic Calendars on the University of Guelph Website. Bookmark it. Always refer back to *YOUR* Calendar year for your degree requirements.

My Progress and Viewing your Schedule on WebAdvisor

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6am							
7am							
8am							
9am		ENVS*1030*0108 LEC		MATH*1080*DE EXAM	ENVS*1030*010 LEC	ENVS*1030*0108 LEC	
10am		BIOL*1070*0105 LEC	BIOL*1070*0105 SEM	BIOL*1070*010 LEC		BIOL*1070*0105 LEC	
11am							
12pm				ENV*1030*0108 LAB		CHEM*1040*0480 EXAM	
1pm			CHEM*1040*0480 LEC		CHEM*1040*0480 LEC		
2pm							
3pm			CHEM*1040*0480 LAB				
4pm							
5pm							
6pm							
7pm							

Schedule Print Feature in WebAdvisor



Fall 2023

Planned: 0.50 Credits Enrolled: 2.50 Credits Waitlisted: 0 Credits

Schedule Details

Status	Course Title	Time	Location	Instructor
Registered, but not started	BIOL*1070*0105: Discovering Biodiversity	LEC MWF 9:30 AM - 10:20 AM 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023 SEM T 9:30 AM - 10:20 AM 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023	LEC ROZH, 104 SEM SSC, 3305	Bartley, T Grunspan, D
	CHEM*1040: General Chemistry I	No Section Selected	No Section Selected	No Section Selected
Registered, but not started	CHEM*1040*0480: General Chemistry I	LEC TTh 1:00 PM - 2:20 PM 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023 LAB T 2:30 PM - 5:20 PM 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023 EXAM F 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM 12/15/2023 - 12/15/2023	LEC ROZH, 104 LAB SSC, 2104 EXAM TBD, TBD	Schwan, A
Registered, but not started	ENVS*1030*0108: Intro Environmental Sciences	LEC MWF 8:30 AM - 9:20 AM 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023 LAB W 11:30 AM - 2:20 PM 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023	LEC ALEX, 200 LAB ALEX, 028	Rooney, N
Registered, but not started	MATH*1080*DE01: Elements of Calculus I	Distance Education TBD 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023 EXAM W 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM 12/6/2023 - 12/6/2023	Distance Education TBD, TBD EXAM TBD, TBD	Gismond, S

Timeline in WebAdvisor

	Fall 2023	Winter 2024	Summer 2024
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">BIOL*2060*DE01: Ecology Credits: 0.50 Credits ✓BIOL*3450*01: Introduction to Aquatic Enviro Credits: 0.50 Credits ✓ENVS*2060*0101: Soil Science Credits: 0.50 Credits ✓ENVS*2120*DE01: Intro to Envirnmntl Stewardship Credits: 0.50 Credits ✓ENVS*3230*0101: Agroforestry Systems Credits: 0.50 Credits ✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ENVS*2080: Intro. Env. Microbiology Credits: 0.50 CreditsENVS*2310: Intro to Biogeochemistry Credits: 0.50 CreditsENVS*3050: Microclimatology Credits: 0.50 CreditsGEOG*2210: Environment and Resources Credits: 0.50 CreditsINDG*1000: Indigenous-Settler Relations Credits: 0.50 Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">COOP*3000: Work Term III Credits: 0.50 Credits
its	2.50 Enrolled Credits	2.50 Planned Credits	0.50 Planned Credits

Why is the University Structure so Confusing? What are Colleges?

- University is founded on colleges including OAC. Every student in B.Sc.(Env.) comes in undeclared and starts out under the college of OAC.
- All Programs/Majors are associated with colleges. Two of the B.Sc.(Env.) majors are under the college of OAC and two are not. My office is in the OAC Program Counselling office, but I help students in all four majors regardless of affiliated college. That's all you really need to know!
- Some scholarships/bursaries are associated with colleges so it's good to have an awareness of your college.

What do all
of the
acronyms
mean?

- **OAC is Ontario Agricultural College**
 - The college you are associated with **for now**. CSAHS and CBS are the other colleges associated with majors in your degree program.
- **B.Sc.(Env.) is your degree program**
 - This is what will be after your name when you graduate
- **SAS is Student Accessibilities Services**
 - Offers services for students requiring accommodations
- **SLG is Supported Learning Groups**
 - Small group learning environments for select courses offered by the Library
- **TA is Teaching Assistant**
 - Work with instructors to help students with specific course
- **ESSE is the Environmental Science Student Executive**
 - Your college student government, representing students in your degree program

Hear from Upper Year Students 😊



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR
ESSE CO-PRESIDENTS



PRO TIPS FOR FIRST YEAR
COURSES...



SES MENTORSHIP
PROGRAM





How to find Carrie...

- **OAC Program Counselling Office**
Location: Johnston Hall Room 133A
- Email Liz at oad.pco@uoguelph.ca to book a virtual or in-person appointment to meet with me!

My email: bscenvpc@uoguelph.ca

Helpful Resources

- **Student Accessibility Services:**
<https://wellness.uoguelph.ca/accessibility/>
- **Learning Commons:**
<http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/get-assistance>
- **Supported Learning Groups (SLGs)** for challenging courses like CHEM 1040:
<https://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/writing-studying/studying-resources-workshops/slgs>
- **Co-op Office and Career Services (EL Hub):**
<https://www.recruitguelph.ca/cecs/>
- ESSE Website: <https://enviros.weebly.com/>
or email esse@uoguelph.ca **Alexander Hall
Room 266**
- **Student Wellness Services (see next slide):**
<https://wellness.uoguelph.ca/>



**STUDENT
WELLNESS**
Live well. Achieve well.

Dedicated to providing health and well-being support and services to UofG students, all year long!



Student Accessibility Services (SAS)

Counselling Services

Student Health Services

Health & Performance Centre (HPC)

Student Support Network (SSN)

Sexual & Gender-Based Violence Support & Education Centre

Wellness Education & Promotion Centre (WEPC)

 wellness.uoguelph.ca

What if I'm in crisis?

Student Wellness offers Urgent Help...

Monday - Friday (8:30 am - 4:30 pm):

- If a response is **needed TODAY**, contact 519-824-4120 ext. 52131
- If a response **can wait 24 hours**, contact a **Student Wellness Navigator** by calling **519-824-4120 ext. 52131**
- **Campus Safety Office (CSO)**: 519-824-4120 Ext. 2000 or 519-840-5000. An **IMPACT** mental health worker will respond with the campus safety office if available.

After Hours (after 4:30 pm or on weekends):

- **Campus Safety Office**: For immediate **on-campus** responses, call 519-824-4120 Ext. 2000 or 519-840-5000
- **Local Police Services**: For immediate **off-campus** responses, dial 911 for Emergency Services
- **Here 24/7** (Mental health resource): Call 1-844-HERE247 (1-844-437-3247) anytime.
- **Crisis Text Line**: Text "UofG" to 686868